

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A titania-metal composite not having a photocatalytic activity, characterized by containing titanium oxide fine particles doped with at least one material selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, nickel, cobalt, iron, ~~zinc~~, and compounds thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) The titania-metal composite not having a photocatalytic activity according to claim 1, characterized in that said titanium oxide fine particles are amorphous-type and/or anatase-type modified with peroxy groups.

3-20. (Cancelled).

21. (Previously Presented) The titania-metal composite not having a photocatalytic activity according to claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of the titanium oxide to the at least one material is from 1:0.01 to 1:0.5.

22. (Currently Amended) A titania-metal composite comprising titanium oxide fine particles doped with at least one material selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, nickel, cobalt, iron, ~~zinc~~, and compounds thereof;

wherein the titanium oxide fine particles are anatase-type, brookite-type, or rutile-type particles; and the at least one material is present in an amount sufficient so that the titania-metal composite does not have a photocatalytic activity.

23. (Previously Presented) The titania-metal composite of claim 22, wherein the molar ratio of the titanium oxide to the at least one material is from 1:0.01 to 1:0.5.

24. (New) The titania-metal composite of claim 22, wherein the titanium oxide fine particles are modified with peroxy groups.